(*b*) whether the Scindhi bulls and cows are examined as soon as they are imported into Travancore to ascertain whether they are suffering from tuberculosis; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the method of test that is being applied?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Tuberculin test by intra-dermal inoculation.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the President of the Imperial Animal Disease Conference has published a report, for the general information of the public and of the Government, with regard to the infection of tuberculosis in cattle?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He might have; I have not seen the report myself.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Scindhi bulls alone are liable to this disease?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, all cattle are.

The Tuckalay Sugar Factory.

227. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Tuckalay Sugar Factory is working now (11-3-'12);

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same;

(*c*) whether they have cancelled the contract regarding the working of the said factory and if so, the reasons for the same; and

(*d*) the steps taken by them in connection with the management of the factory after the cancellation of the contract?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Owing to seasonal conditions.

(*c*) Not so far.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), the question does not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the period for which the factory has not been working?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): From about the middle of September, it has not been working.

PRESIDENT: Honourable members will please speak up.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the nature of the seasonal conditions owing to which the factory could not work?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): The jaggery season was over, and the next jaggery season has not yet begun.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Did the factory work during this period in the previous year?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Was there any jaggery in stock on the day on which the work was stopped?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No, Sir.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know when the work will be recommenced?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): It is left to the contractors.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it the position that it is left entirely to the contractors, and that the Government have nothing to do with the working of the factory?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): Government are corresponding with the contractors, and are asking them to start the work again.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Was it on account of any reluctance on the part of the contractors that the factory stopped working?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Direector of Industries*): No, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the period.....

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): There is only one chance, sir, for putting supplementary questions.

PRESIDENT: I will give you a chance, if you want.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Thank you, Sir. May I know,.....

PRESIDENT: Mr. Asan.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the period for which the factory does not work every year owing to seasonal conditions?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): It varies; it depends on the availability of raw material

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there any condition in the agreement with the contractors as to the period for which the factory could be kept closed every year?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it left to the contractors to close it for any length of time they please?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): The factory cannot work without raw material.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Since the preparation of this answer, have the Government passed any orders in regard to this contract?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovla*): Am I to understand that the factory works only during the time of the availability of raw material, and lies idle at other times?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*); Yes; it cannot work when there is no raw material.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there no arrangement to store up raw material for use during the period when it is not available in the market?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is it not possible to do it?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): It depends on the money available; and it may not be paying.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Have the contractors made a request to Government that they should invest the necessary money and stock the raw material so that the contractors could buy it from Government as and when they need it?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): Yes, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is there any reason, other than the passing of the jaggery season, for the factory not working?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No, Sir.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Who are the parties to the contract referred to in part (c) of the question?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): Messrs. Chary and Srinivasan.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): They form one party to the contract; there must be two parties for every contract. Who is the other party?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): The parties to the contract are the Sugar Factory, the Company, on the one hand, and Messrs. Chary and Srinivasan, on the other.

RAO SAHIB MAHA KAVI S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Do the sugar factories at Tachanallur and other places remain closed for some months every year for want of raw material?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): I do not know.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Have the Government any direct control over the contract?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether the sugar factory is now a paying concern?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): It is not working now.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): When it works, does it pay?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): Sometimes it does; sometimes it does not.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Is it open to the present contractor to begin work when he pleases?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Have the Government ordered that work should be stopped unless and until the contract is renewed on fresh terms?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether *bona fide* Travancoreans have recently applied for the contract to run the factory?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know what has happened to those appplications?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): Since there is a contract already in force, those applications could not be considered.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): At any time, has the factory worked throughout the year?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No.

Sarkara-Althramoodu road in Chirayinkil.

228. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the length of the Sarkara-Althramoodu road that lies between Bhagavathi Kottaram and Perumal Kottaram in Chirayinkil;

(*b*) whether the road is being maintained by the P. W. D.;

(*c*) whether it was maintained in the years 1111 and 1112 M. E. (15-3-12);

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the road is in a dirty and useless condition at present:

(*e*) whether the road is unworthy for traffic; and

(*f*) why the road is not properly maintained?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) 4122 feet.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise.

(*d*) The road is usable for carts and pedestrians.

(*e*) This does not arise.

(*f*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer to part (d), may I know whether the road is useful for cart traffic and for pedestrians?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The answer says it is.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): The answer says that it is *usable*. I want to know whether it is *useful*.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Carts and pedestrians are using it; therefore it must be useful.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware that it is on account of the absence of any other road that the people are compelled to make this road usable by carts and pedestrians?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That question by the honourable member makes it clear that the road is useful.

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